

## **NEWS RELEASE**

# **U.S. Army to Continue On-Demand Personal and Professional Training via Army e-Learning**

### **Overwhelming Response from Army Personnel Leads to Renewed Contact for No Cost Training**

Newport News, Va. – November 1, 2006 – The U.S. Army recently announced SkillSoft PLC will continue providing commercial-off-the-shelf learning products and services supporting the Army's e-Learning program. The contract award is a \$2 million per year firm-fixed price with a base year and four option years.

Under the contract SkillSoft PLC will provide over 2,600 Web-based courses – such as information assurance, information technology (IT), business, self-development, leadership, and foreign language – to support 1.2 million Soldiers (Active, Reserve, and National Guard) and Army Civilians. All courses are available free of charge to the Army.

The Army e-Learning courses (IT, business, leadership, certification preparatory, and self-development) will support and enhance unit readiness by allowing Soldiers to complete courses at their duty locations and at home. Army e-Learning provides Soldiers and Army civilian employees the opportunity to maintain job proficiency anytime, anywhere because the courses are available 24/7 globally via the Army Knowledge Online Intranet Portal.

The advantages of Army e-Learning to Soldiers and Army employees include: opportunities for enlisted personnel to earn promotion points; access to 40+ certification programs, such as MCSE, A+, CISSP, Cisco, Oracle, etc. with personal mentoring; continuous learning points for the civilian acquisition workforce; and some college course accreditation. Army e-Learning provides access to commercial, Web-based courseware on general IT as well as vendor-specific IT subjects, such as information assurance, public key infrastructure, telecommunications, management, employee development, and general education.

Based in Nashua, NH, SkillSoft PLC (Nasdaq: SKIL) is a leading provider of e-learning and performance-support solutions for global enterprises, government, education, and small to medium-sized businesses. SkillSoft enables companies to maximize business performance through a combination of comprehensive e-learning content, online information resources, flexible learning technologies and support services.

The Army e-Learning program is managed by LTC Robert A. Bean, Project Manager Distributed Learning System (PM DLS), a product under the Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems.

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